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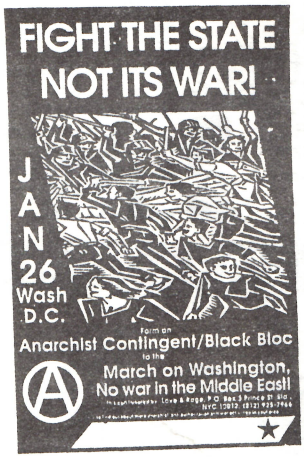


ON JANUARY 26, some 150,000 pepople marched peacefully through Washington D.C. calling for an end to the Gulf War. Also present at this self-indulgent love-fest, however, was a spirited group of at least 300 anarchists. This first-ever North American black-bloc was a good success. About half of the group were masked, and the group held together well. This made it possible to carry out several actions during the march. First, a construction lot in front of the FBI building was raided and a bunch of people grabbed rocks. A few windows at the Justice Dept. were smashed. Then, the Treasury was barraged with rocks, paint bombs, and even a quarter-stick of dynamite. The Treasury suffered lots of damage. After the White House, the bloc broke off from the march and smashed up two banks. Then the group arrived at the World Bank. Fearing heavy police retaliation, however, the group retreated (a mistake), but a few autonomists still managed to paint the World Bank, smash in the front windows, and lob in another quarter-stick. Before the march ended, one autonomist smashed the front of the FDIC building and was tackled by a cop. But luckily some comrades jumped in, liberated the arrestee, beat up the cop, and rejoined the bloc. The bloc resisted a police charge and no one was successfully arrested. One cop and his motorcycle were hurt.

ON A SLIPPERY SLOPE TOWARDS MARTIAL LAW

Judge Backs Gulf Use Of Unapproved Drugs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP) — The military may require troops serving in the Persian Gulf to take unapproved drugs to protect against biological and germ warfare, a Federal judge ruled today.

Judge Stanley S. Harris of United States District Court dismissed a lawsuit that contended the troops should be warned about the risk of side effects, allowed to refuse the treatment and required to give their consent.

The advocacy group Public Citizen, which filed the lawsuit on behalf of an unidentified Army soldier, said it would appeal.

Greek Troops To Aid Police

Special to The New York Times

ATHENS, Jan. 29 — Responding to a series of terrorist attacks in Greece related to the Persian Gulf war, the Government said today that it would use troops to help police counter the threat of more violence against Western offices and installations.

The Business of Revolution...

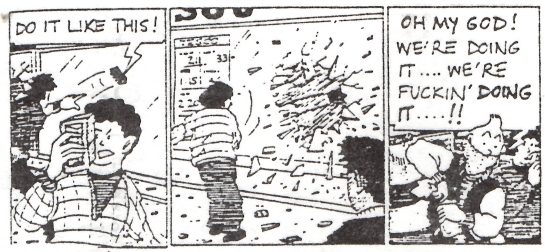
Executive Order 12722—Blocking Iraqi Government Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Iraq

August 2, 1990

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), and section 301 of title 3 of the United States Code.

I, George Bush, President of the United States of America, find that the policies and actions of the Government of Iraq constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States and hereby declare a national emergency to deal with that threat.

PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE FEDERAL REGISTER!!



CREATIVE ANTI-WAR ACTIVISM

Kingston, Canada anarchists had a field day when they plastered hundreds of "Conscription Registration" notices all over town. The idea was to force people to think about the Gulf War and it's ultimate consequences. The action was a tremendous success as hundreds of people called the printed telephone number (a local newspaper) to find out what was going on. Young men, who perhaps supported or had not even thought of the war, were scared and angry at the idea of fighting it. Their consciousness was raised a great deal by the supposed situation.

The action was the top radio story all day as military personnel tried to defend the looming war and the idea of conscription. Local military bases and the local newspaper were were swamped by irate callers -- the paper had to have someone just to answer those calls. It just goes to show a little investment can go a long way...

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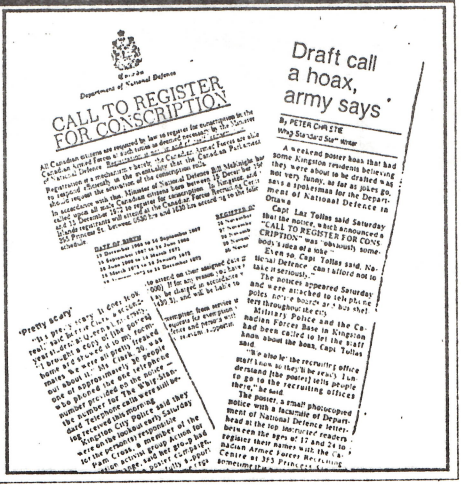

CALL TO REGISTER FOR CONSCRIPTION

Draft call a hoax, army says

By PETER Cowling
Kingston Standard Staff Writer

A weekend poster hoax that had some Kingston residents believing they were about to be drafted was not very funny, as far as jokers go, says a spokesman for the Department of National Defence in Ottawa.

Capt. Lay Tollas said Saturday that the notice, which announced a "CALL TO REGISTER FOR CONSCRIPTION" was obviously some body's idea of a joke.

Even so, Capt. Tollas said, National Defence can't afford not to take it seriously.

The notices appeared Saturday and were attached to telephone poles in some downtown areas and at bus shelters throughout the city.

Military Police and the Canadian Forces Base in Kingston have been called to let the staff know about the hoax, Capt. Tollas said.

"It's also for the recruiting office staff, so they'll be ready. I'm sure they'll get plenty of calls from people who'll be ready to go to the recruiting offices there," he said.

The poster, a small photocopied notice with a facsimile of Department of National Defence letterhead at the top, instructs readers between the ages of 17 and 24 to register their names with the Canadian Armed Forces Recruiting Centre at 393 Princess ...

Machine-gun fire hits US Embassy in Bonn

By Jonathan Kaufman
GLOBE STAFF

BERLIN – Shots were fired at the US Embassy in Bonn last night, and a German terrorist group claimed responsibility, police said. No one was injured.

Police said a note found near the embassy was signed by the Red Army Faction, the guerrilla group that terrorized West Germany in the 1970s with a series of attacks against businessmen and government officials. Sixteen months ago, the group killed the head of Germany's largest bank by detonating a radio-controlled bomb as his Mercedes-Benz passed by. Last summer, the group narrowly missed killing a top German antiterrorism official in Bonn.

US Embassy officials could not be reached for comment last night. German television reports quoted police as saying that the wall of the embassy, which lies along the bank of the Rhine River, was sprayed with machine-gun fire from the opposite riverbank. A letter was found in a nearby house claiming responsibility for the Red Army Faction and saying the attack was in response to the US-led campaign to drive Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

The shooting, and the apparent involvement of the Red Army Faction, will probably heighten the concern of Americans posted overseas.

Resistance Under Turkey's Dictatorship

ADANA, Turkey, Feb. 7 (AP) — A gunman assassinated a retired American serviceman today who was employed at an air base used for bombing raids on Iraq. A terrorist group said he was killed because of the Persian Gulf war.

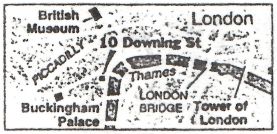
An anonymous caller to newspapers and news agencies in Istanbul said the victim was killed by Dev Sol, an underground leftist group. The caller said: "We punished a C.I.A. agent in Adana. The bases cannot be used for the bloody games of U.S. imperialism."

Gunmen Tied to War Kill a Turkish Aide

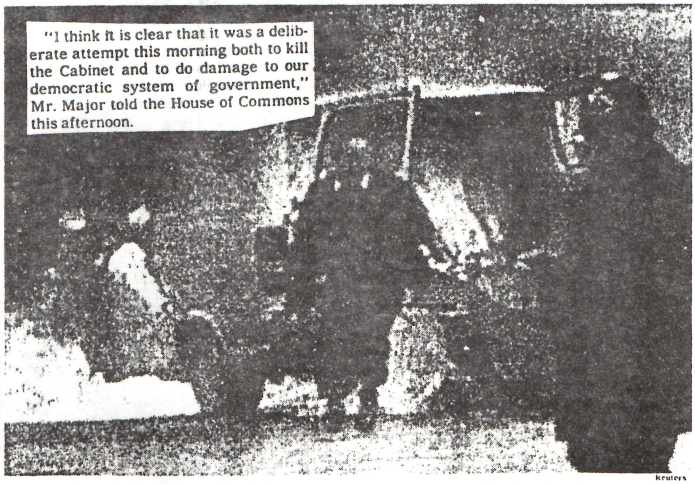
ANKARA, Turkey, Jan. 30 (AP) — Gunmen killed the chief adviser to the Prime Minister's office today, and a statement found nearby took responsibility in the name of a leftist group involved in recent terrorism protesting Turkey's support for the war against Iraq, officials reported.

The police said three assailants had fired four shots, fatally wounding Hulusi Sayin, a retired general, as he and his wife left their car outside their home here.

I.R.A. Attacks 10 Downing Street With Mortar Rounds, Hitting Yard



LONDON, Feb. 7 — Three mortar rounds were fired from a van this morning toward the offices of Prime Minister John Major in 10 Downing Street, scoring a hit in the backyard as he presided over his war Cabinet. The Irish Republican Army later took responsibility for the attack, in which three people were slightly wounded.


"I think it is clear that it was a deliberate attempt this morning both to kill the Cabinet and to do damage to our democratic system of government," Mr. Major told the House of Commons this afternoon.
Reuters

Three mortar rounds were fired toward 10 Downing Street from a van that then burst into flames.

LOCAL NEWS

Pro-war, anti-war factions scuffle

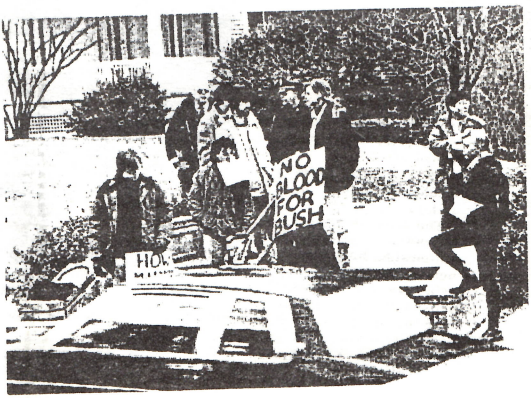
Flag-burning ignites tempers at Williams

Anarchists, Cops, and Fascists Clash at Yuppie College

ON JANUARY 24, a group of rich Republican brats held a pro-war rally at Williams College. A group of anarchist counter-demonstrators went and fucked shit up, however, by shouting, making noise, and waving placards attached to hockey sticks. After the rally, the fascist youths showed their true colors and burst out in anger and attacked the anarchists after an attempted flag burning. The melee was Berkshire County's first-ever incident of political violence! [Here's a tip from AF: burn effigies of Bush instead of flags at local actions since many working class folks misinterpret things when we burn flags.]

Motorists applaud Rte 2 blockade

ON FEBRUARY 15, another imaginative anti-government action again captured front-page headlines in Berkshire County. This time, about 25 protesters blocked Williamstown's main road, Rt. 2, several times during the morning rush-hour, stopping traffic and leafletting passers-by. A main target of the action was school busses. In all, 6 bus-loads of kids were stopped and leafletted. [We recommend Xeroxing from Breaking Free, the awesome TinTin comic!] When cops came and ordered a dispersal, everyone laughed since the cops were well outnumbered. The blockade resulted in no arrests and did not alienate too many working-class travellers, as we were careful to resume to flow of traffic once all the stopped cars had been handed a leaflet.



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